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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks for Amendments to the Specification begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks for Substitute Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks in Response to the Office Action begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph 0056, as filed, with the following amended paragraph 0056.

Figure 11 is a perspective view of one embodiment of a chassis and an associated electronic device, such as for a cellular phone, according to the present invention. This embodiment is shown from the rear and right side of the chassis 120. Visible from this angle is an internal battery 130, a groove 126 in the outer edge of the chassis 120, and a rear locking perimeter 124. A locking edge of a rear cover would secure a rear cover to the chassis 120 by interlocking along the rear locking perimeter 124. For example, the rear cover of Figure 9 is designed to mount to the chassis of Figure 10 since the rear cover has corresponding features to those of the chassis.

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph 0065, as filed, with the following amended paragraph 0065.

Figure 16 is a perspective view of one embodiment of a cellular phone employing interlocking body covers and an interlocking chassis of the present invention with a changeable bead bracelet in a groove of the chassis. This embodiment is another example of a bracelet or band that may be employed in the groove around the chassis of an interlocking phone cover system of the present invention. A changeable bead bracelet or nametag bracelet 410 may be a string of plastic beads laced together. Some or all of the beads may incorporate an acceptance mechanism such as a tray or snap capable of accepting an interchangeable bead cap which may include a color or a alpha-numeric initial and/or symbol. By creating particular combinations of colors, letters, numbers, or symbols, a user may impart a personal touch and/or identification to his/her device. For example, a user may choose to indicate a child's name or message on the

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beads. The embodiment shown in Figure 16 employs an N 416, O 415, K 414, I-413 I 413, and

A 412 to represent NOKIA on the bead bracelet 410.